

High Holidays Update: 5753

Tickets/Special Needs

High Holiday tickets for evening services (erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre) will be mailed to CSZ members mid-September. Main sanctuary doors will open at 6:30 pm. If you have any special needs to hold particular seats (for example, due to sight or hearing impairment, or children who might get restless and need to take a break in the lobby), please arrange for these in advance by calling the office (861-6932). If you will need wheelchair access (including special parking), please advise the office immediately so that we can be prepared to accommodate you.

Oneys and Break Fast

Join us for an oneg after Rosh Hashanah Ma'ariv (evening) services at the Unitarian Center. In place of an oneg after Rosh Hashanah Musaf services, join us for our Seudat Mitzvah picnic prior to Tashlich (place to be determined). Services on the second day of Rosh Hashanah will be followed by an oneg at CSZ. There will be a large "break fast" oneg at the Unitarian Center after Neilah, the closing service of Yom Kippur.

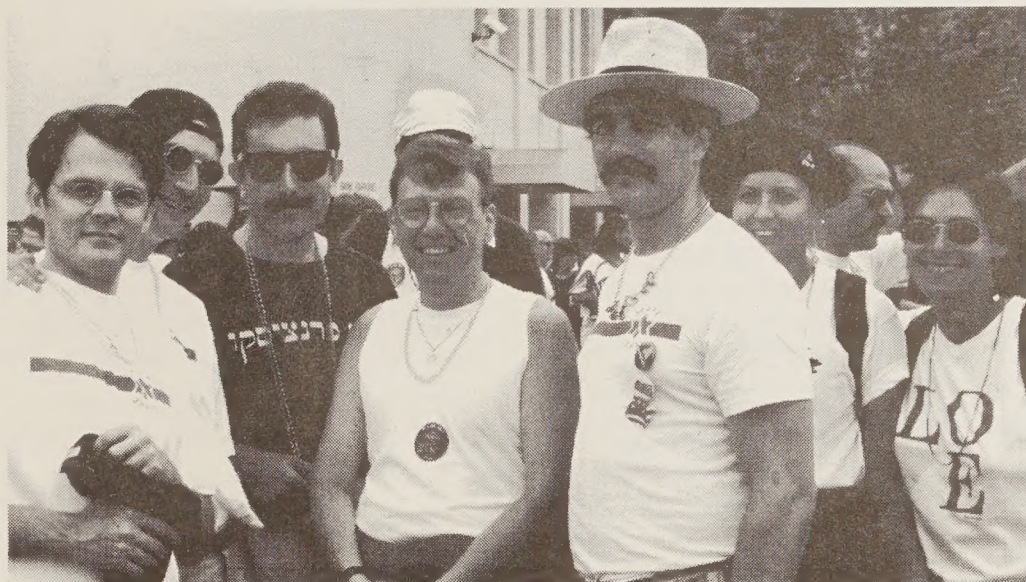
AIDS Food Drive

One of the reasons we fast on Yom Kippur is to remind ourselves of the hunger of those in need. As we have done for the last five years, CSZ will collect non-perishable food for the AIDS Food Bank at our Kol Nidre service. Please bring a bag of food items as part of your Yom Kippur observance. We will accept food donations until 1 pm on October 7.

Sukkot

Services for Sukkot will be held at member families' homes. On Sunday, October 11 at 6 pm, we will gather at the home of Allan Gold and Gary Glasser (424 Central Ave., San Francisco) for a service, celebration and potluck. Please call Steve Elman (510/651-5857) if you

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Sha'ar Zahavniks show their pride at the Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade. Left to right: Todd and Mark Taubman-Walker, Nathan Robinson, Lane Schickler, Rabbi Kahn, Donna Rabinowitz, Allan Gold, Susan Stahl. PHOTO BY IVAN VINCENTE

Prepare for Holidays at Selichot Service

Observed on the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah, Selichot services inaugurate the High Holiday season. Everyone is invited to prepare for the High Holidays through prayer, study and reflection at CSZ's Selichot program on Saturday evening, September 19, at 9 pm. The evening will begin with havdalah and a sampling of homemade desserts, traditionally served at the High Holiday season. Rabbi Yoel Kahn will lead a study session, focusing on the key themes and texts of the High Holidays. The music and prayers of the High Holidays are the highlights of the Selichot service which concludes the evening.

We especially invite interfaith couples, Introduction to Judaism students and people who are new or returning to Judaism, to attend this event. In addition to learning about the High Holidays, there will be an opportunity to meet others who are in interfaith relationships or who are exploring Judaism and to participate in a discussion about future "outreach" programs and activities at Sha'ar Zahav.

High Holiday Diversity

This year, I will be celebrating more than just Rosh Hashanah. As an Iraqi Jewish lesbian feminist (as my sister says, "really, now all you need is to be Black"), I have had a hard time finding a congregation open to, and excited about, the contributions to ethnic diversity that I have to make, a congregation that would want me to write precisely this column on the ways Middle Eastern and Sephardic Jews celebrate Rosh Hashanah. Sha'ar Zahav has turned out to be that congregation.

But strangely enough, I have discovered that writing about ethnic diversity in the Jewish community becomes harder, not easier, when the audience is the membership of a lesbian/gay reform synagogue. I find this contradiction intriguing.

In an orthodox community, doing things "properly" is the task: Middle Eastern Jews light seven, not two, candlesticks to start the holiday; we bow from the waist during the Amidah and do not bend our knees; our rabbis decreed that it was acceptable to ride the bus on the holiday if one bought the tickets beforehand and the bus stopped

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The Power of Remembrance

I love Rosh Hashanah—the joining together of the community, the festive and holy air, the music, the liturgy. I love returning to the familiar prayers, their power and message speaking to me anew after a year's absence. At Rosh Hashanah, the blast of the shofar penetrates through my layers of reflection, internal doubt and distancing. From a deep and far-off place, its primitive sounds call and reach deep within.

The blasts of the shofar on Rosh Hashanah day are linked, according to tradition, to three qualities of God: *malkhuyot*, sovereignty, announcing God's sovereignty over creation; *zikhronot*, remembrance, reminding us of God's involvement in the world and remembrance of our deeds; and *shofarot*, literally shofar blasts, recalling the revelation at Sinai and pointing to the final redemption which is still to come. Reading the biblical verses and traditional texts which surround the calls of the shofar in our service, I sometimes lose my connection to the shofar's power and meaning when I get "stuck" on the language of the texts, especially in their portrayal of a divinity who is omniscient, omnipotent and actively involved in this world daily. Sometimes I can easily "translate" these metaphors of the One into others which are closer to my experience and faith; at other times they really bother me and keep me from prayer and connection.

Michael Strassfeld has taught that if we are created in the image of God, then these attributes should be found in us. The shofar service can speak to us not just of the transcendent divinity but also of human responsibility. He explains:

Malkhuyot focuses on control—control over others and over ourselves. *Zikhronot* has to do with memory and thought. Remembering is what the covenant is based on, for we are to remember what God did for us in Egypt and elsewhere. Remembering, too, is what all human relationships are based on, for without memory of past events and feelings there is no way to deepen emotional attachments. Each meeting becomes the first; whether for love or hate, no one person has any more meaning to you than any other. *Shofarot* has to do with sound and thus with communication and speech.

On Rosh Hashanah this year, we will read the opening story of the Torah, in which God creates the world. Almost immediately after, Strassfeld teaches, the Torah's narrative tells of three human efforts at creation: the Garden, the Flood and the Tower of Babel.

The story of the Garden is a story about control—about using our power for good and bad, to influence ourselves and influence others. The first effort at human creation is to make a world in which there is freedom of action without responsibility or consequence. The *malkhuyot* challenges us to assume responsibility for our human freedom—to exercise responsible sovereignty over

our lives and actions.

The second re-creation is the Flood. As the *zikhronot* liturgy tells us, God remembers Noah; later God remembers the people of Israel. Strassfeld comments: "We too are meant to remember the Noachs-in-need amid the floodwater and reach out to save them. We are to remember the good in others in order to relate to them, not focus on their faults. We are also meant to remember the past and not live only in the present. Remembering the past gives us a proper sense of our place in the universe and makes us cognizant of a future that we must be engaged in creating."

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High Holidays Service Schedule

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All services will be held at the Unitarian Center (1187 Franklin at Geary) unless otherwise noted.

Selichot

Saturday, September 19, 9 pm, CSZ

Rosh Hashanah

Evening

Sunday, September 27, 7:30 pm

First Day

Monday, September 28, Shacharit, Musaf, and Children's Service, 10 am

Seudat Mitzvah (festival picnic) and Tashlich, 1:30 and 3 pm (site to be announced)

Second Day

Tuesday, September 29, 10 am at CSZ

Shabbat Shuvah

Evening

Friday, October 2, 8:15 pm at CSZ

Blood Drive

Saturday, October 3, 10 am–2 pm, Irwin Memorial, 250 Masonic

Cemetery Visit

Sunday, October 4, 10 am, Hills of Eternity, Colma

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre

Tuesday, October 6, 7:30 pm

Morning (Shacharit, Musaf and Children's Service)

Wednesday, October 7, 10 am

Afternoon (Minchah)

Wednesday, October 7, 3:15 pm

Yizkor and Neilah

Wednesday, October 7, 5 pm

Sukkot

Sunday, October 11, home of Allan Gold and Gary Glasser, 424 Central Ave., San Francisco

11 am, Sukkah building and decorating

6 pm, Service, celebration and potluck

Saturday, October 17, home of Rabbi Yoel Kahn and Dan Bellm, 61 Ford St., San Francisco

10:30 am, Shacharit

Simchat Torah

Sunday, October 18, Ma'ariv, 7 pm, at CSZ

Social Action Committee

Rosh Hashanah Cards Support Refugees

Sha'ar Zahav is joining the San Francisco Jewish Sanctuary Coalition again this year in sponsoring Rosh Hashanah cards to support refugees who have fled war and repression in Guatemala and El Salvador. The proceeds from card sales will assist refugees to seek political asylum, to obtain food and shelter in the Bay Area, and, where possible, to return to their homes in Central America. You can purchase these cards through the CSZ gift shop or by ordering them from the Coalition.

In 1986, CSZ became the first Jewish congregation in San Francisco to adopt a "covenant of sanctuary" to support refugees, as part of its commitment to *tikkun olam*. We have continued our support for refugees even though a peace accord has been signed in El Salvador. Peace remains fragile there, while violence and repression continue in Guatemala.

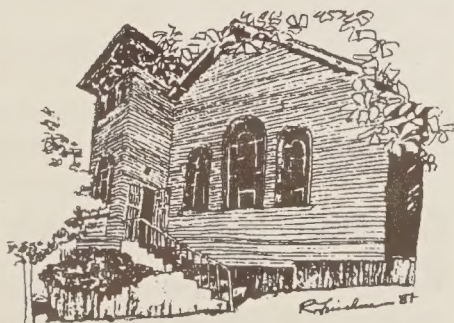
The CSZ's social action committee is engaged in a number of other social justice issues. These include representing the congregation on reproductive rights actions, countering anti-gay articles in the Jewish press and sponsoring an ongoing clothing drive for the homeless. (Boxes for clothing are in the back of the sanctuary.) We also are considering whether we should take steps to assist refugees from other areas, such as Haiti or Bosnia-Herzegovina. If you are interested in working on these or other actions, please come to our next meeting on Wednesday, September 2, at 7 pm in the CSZ library, or call Stan Kern (585-3477).

Note: You can also support CSZ's refugee efforts by contributing to a special synagogue fund for refugees. Mark your donation: Sanctuary Fund.

—Ami Zusman

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav

Gift Shop



Friday nights
7:30–8:05 pm

Annual Blood Drive

Please volunteer to donate blood or time to help out on Saturday, October 3, from 10 am to 2 pm.

Call Susan Tubbesing (510/482-3740) to volunteer to help out or Jonathan Goldman (641-4231) to discuss donation concerns.

Volunteers Needed To Lend a Culturally Jewish Experience To HH Child Care

We'd like to enrich our High Holiday child care experience this year with a program of Jewish activities.

Would you enjoy taking a half hour out of your holiday worship to perform a mitzvah with the children? Read or tell a High Holiday story, teach a song, demonstrate sounding the shofar, or lead an arts and crafts project.

Call child care coordinator Emily Tincer (510/843-1405) to sign up for this much-needed service.

Make a Difference

Join the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission's People to People Pen Pal Project and help break the isolation experienced by many gay and lesbian people in the former Soviet Union. Over 100 people in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and the Baltic states who are HIV-positive, have AIDS, are currently imprisoned, or find themselves isolated as gay and lesbian people are waiting for pen pals. For information on how to become a pen pal, write Neill Rosen at the IGLHRC office, 540 Castro St., San Francisco, CA 94114 or call him on Wednesdays, 9:30 am–12:30 pm at the IGLHRC office, 255-8680.

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All newsletter copy should be typed, double-spaced and is due no later than the date of the Va'ad meeting. It should be sent to the synagogue office, marked to the attention of the *Forward*. All material is subject to editing; material will not be returned.

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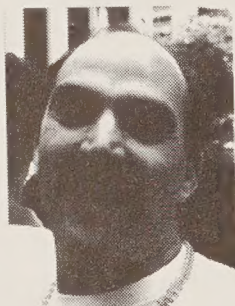
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Cleaning Out Our Closets

When you receive your *Gaily Forward*, we will be only a few short weeks from the High Holidays. As you all know, that is the time of the year when we engage in the greatest amount of introspection and self-examination. During the 10 days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we review our thoughts and actions of the past year—hopefully to give ourselves pats on the back for our moral improvements and to ask for strength to do better in those areas where we feel we fall short. In a sense, the High Holidays provide us the opportunity to clean our personal closets, throwing out what we no longer need, organizing our worldly and spiritual lives and making room for growth. Yet each year, it seems as if we say the same prayers, atone for the same transgressions and reconsider the same old actions. Is this really closet cleaning?



Allan Gold

Sometimes during the year, our organizational work at Sha'ar Zahav seems like our personal soul-searching during the Holidays. At Leadership Advances, at Va'ad meetings and in personal interactions, we discuss the same problems and policies, always grappling, but never seeming to reach perfection. A few weeks ago, Tiela Chalmers, our administrative vice president, and I spent a good part of a day literally cleaning out the closet in the upstairs meeting room of the synagogue. We had fun looking at old *Forwards*, and board and committee minutes. We found papers and articles that suggested themes and controversies we still debate. Where had been our progress? Are we any less wonderful an organization because we have not settled everything? Are we less wonderful human beings because we have not answered all the questions of our own lives, and have not reached the point where all of our actions are in accordance with the highest teachings of Judaism and humanism?

At Sha'ar Zahav, we have revisited issues of governance, finance and budget, ritual observance, social action, education, social programming and diversity of membership. Year after year, we enact

new policies as we refine our collective understanding and bring sharper definition to our organization. This year at the Advance, we considered a number of controversial topics: social action and its relation to spirituality; formal and specific outreach to bisexual Jews; and our responsibility to children and families and how to provide a more welcoming atmosphere for them. We found out that on all of these topics, there was a wide range of opinions and feelings. The closets that we thought we neatly had organized turned out not to be. Many of us had our emotional closets turned upside down and rearranged. This organizational introspection was painful for some, and yet, as it happens at Yom Kippur, there was a time for healing after our collective soul-searching. In my subsequent talks with people who had felt disheartened at our lack of agreement, we realized that while Sha'ar Zahav may not be everything each of us wants it to be, it is through our willingness to take risks to look inwardly, as we do individually during the High Holidays, that we make progress.

It is clear to me that, as an organization, we are growing. We may revisit old topics and grapple with them. Yet we learn from each other's perspectives and we incorporate part of each of us into our synagogue definition. We build toward something much better and greater than any of us can be individually. Our synagogue closet will probably never be thoroughly and completely organized, but that is the beauty of Sha'ar Zahav. As new members join, they will want to add and subtract from the closet and rethink what's in it, redecorate and expand it, and hopefully break down a wall or two.

Human beings have many closets. As gay and lesbian Jews, perhaps we have had more than other people. We have the closet of our homosexuality, sometimes the closet of our Judaism. Some of us have the closet of childhood or substance abuse. At Sha'ar Zahav, we are each challenged by the closets of exclusivity, or the fear of those different than us—the young, the elderly, the disabled, even sometimes those who are not our own gender. In the searchings of our individual souls, we try to confront the limitations of our closets; where we are

in that process is a result of how much we are willing to struggle. The same, of course, is true of Sha'ar Zahav. We have come a long, long way in the last 15 years. We have been willing to challenge and confront our diversity, and we have reached a level of maturity where we can not only still remain intact but also make steady progress.

As you each clean out your personal closet this year, may you find the strength to confront, to challenge, to heal and to build from it. I know that collectively we will continue to do so each year, each month and each day at Sha'ar Zahav, so maybe someday we may not have big or confining closets to clean out at all.

My best wishes for a happy, healthy and blessed 5753. L'shanah tovah.

Looking Ahead

Holidays for the Year 5753

Chanukah, Sunday, December 20–
Sunday, December 27

Purim, Sunday, March 7

Passover, Tuesday, April 6–
Monday, April 12

Yom HaShoah (Holocaust
Memorial Day) Sunday, April 18

Yom HaAtzma'ut (Israel
Independence Day) Monday,
April 26

Shavuot, Wednesday, May 26

Shabbat Freedom, Saturday,
June 26

Rosh Hashanah 5754, Thursday,
September 16

*Note: All holidays begin on the evening
before the date listed.*

Register for Kadimah

Kadimah, the religious school program of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, begins its new year on Saturday, September 19. If you would like to enroll your child in Kadimah, please call the office today for a registration packet.

Children of all ages, adult members of the congregation and the community are invited to participate in Kadimah's opening day family service in the sanctuary, at 10:30 am on September 19.

High Holiday Diversity

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for someone other than the Jewish rider. But at CSZ, the task is not to preserve the past, but to reshape the traditions into something that have meaning for us, here, now. Whether the word "amen" is part of the brachah or not is a frivolous non-issue when the overwhelming concerns are the sexism of the reference to God and the social ramifications of positing and worshipping a supreme being. Yet even in CSZ's reshaping of tradition, its Ashkenazi character remains perfectly preserved, and Middle Eastern (Mizrahi) and Sephardic culture remain completely invisible. The problem for me is how to present my culture in such a way that the differences have meaning in this new environment, and ethnic diversity can be incorporated.

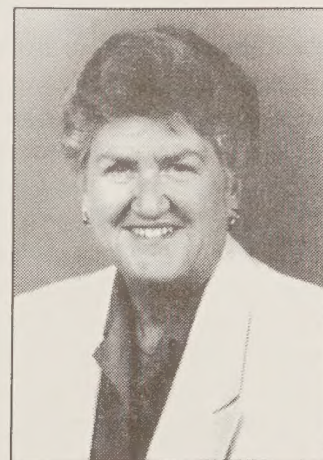
So I will write about what I love about Rosh Hashanah with my family—what I want to keep. The melodies are the first things that come to mind—stirring, lilting tunes, one of which I will be singing at services both days of Rosh Hashanah. And of course, there's the food (some things are just Jewish, period). On Rosh Hashanah, sugar is everywhere. The Iraqis make zemgoolah, a sweet, watery batter that is poured and fried into a coil shape and then smothered in honey. Rather than the usual pita, we bake a special sweet bread, and at kiddush, we sprinkle sugar on it instead of salt. In fact, it is customary not to use salt at all on Rosh Hashanah. We don't dip apples in honey; apples cooked in sugar are one of the ten foods on which we say special blessings (the "brachot"). Odd similarities like that make me wonder how these customs developed—did European Jews, unable to find the traditional dates and pomegranates, transform the custom to apples dipped in honey?

The brachot are a series of ten blessings, many of which involve plays on the different meanings of similar words in Arabic and Hebrew. Over the dates, for instance, we say "Sheyitamu oybenu wesunenu, ... yitamu hataim min haaretz," may our enemies and those who hate us fall, ... may sin fall from the earth, ... and may evil no longer exist—"yitamu" means they should fall, and "tamar" means dates. Similar brachot, most focusing on wishes for happiness and

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prosperity over the coming year, are said over string beans ("our good deeds should multiply"—rubya is string beans, yirbu is they should multiply), leeks, spinach, squash cooked in sugar, pomegranates, apples cooked in sugar, and a lamb's head (that we should be the head and not the tail).

There are also some philosophical differences between Ashkenazim and Mizrahim/Sephardim. Ashkenazi tradition holds that Rosh Hashanah is a time of humility, of fear, even of a brush with death. Consequently, Ashkenazi tradition holds that one should not dress up on Rosh Hashanah as much as one would on other days, and many wear a "kittle," the robe in which one is buried. Mizrahim/Sephardim, on the other hand, focus on the chance to commune with God that the days of awe offer, and, in their respect and exaltation, dress to the hilt. Tradition has it that one should wear white, accessorized with as much gold as possible, and that all clothes should be new. All clothes, that is, except the shoes. After all, if one's shoes are too noticeable, one is in danger of becoming less like the head and more like the tail.

—Aziza Khazzoom

Rabbi's Column

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The third human attempt to construct a world is the story of the Tower of Babel. In this story, language is the source of power and the source of disappointment. The project fails because the people speak but do not communicate; their energy is not directed towards a worthy purpose.

Rather than a powerful God manipulating a passive world, these interpretations of the liturgy's themes underscore Reform Jewish theology's emphasis on the partnership between God and humanity. Although the Torah's stories of human attempts to re-create the world mostly end in failure, our human task is to continually engage in the work of creating and rebuilding the world. Our tools are the divine attributes with which we are created—power and responsibility, thought and remembrance, language and speech. At Rosh Hashanah, we review how we have used these gifts and recommit to sacred purpose, for "Ha-yom harat olam ... This is the re-birth-day of the world ..."

My family joins me in wishing you, your loved ones and the world, a sweet and good New Year. *L'shanah tovah tikatevu.*

Rabbi Kahn opened our meeting with *D'var Torah*, based on *Balak*, in which the Moabite king hires a prophet to mock Israel. It ends happily, however, and the prophet winds up praising Israel, instead of cursing it. The lesson is that all of us have formed perceptions based upon our own experiences in the world. We also are taught that the curses or the blessings which we deliver can have an enormous impact upon the lives of those who receive them. Sometimes we have no way of knowing the impact.

Gary Sokol, treasurer, reported that dues collections are up 40 percent from last year at this time, and that 95 percent of the amount pledged from last year has been paid. The Va'ad then looked at an unbudgeted deficit from Kadimah, and the related question regarding what the appropriate source(s) should be to take care of the deficit. After a thorough discussion of the alternatives available, the Va'ad voted that 50 percent of the total unbudgeted deficit should come from the General Fund, and 50 percent should come from the Children's Education Fund.

Next Gary discussed his proposal for year-round budget planning. Various portions of the calendar year would be devoted to policy-making and guideline development, revenue planning, Va'ad communications with the various committees, and finally, a synthesis of the entire budget package. The proposal was passed by the Va'ad, which included the provision that every committee, chavurah or other identifiable group would have the ability to request funds as part of the regular budget process. The final fiscal matter was the approval of David Gellman as a member of the Dues Committee.

The next topic tackled by the Va'ad was the issue of hiring members of the congregation as employees. The present policy has been a Reaganesque "Just Say No," meaning that a member cannot serve as a paid employee. The problem with this policy is that it precludes the congregation from taking advantage of the talent which exists among its members. We reviewed the history of the policy, and discussed the various problems which might arise from modifying it. Rabbi Kahn highlighted his concern that he ethically could not work with

someone who was both a paid employee and a member of the congregation. There would be a built-in conflict of roles. After much discussion, the Va'ad voted to allow members of the congregation to apply for any and all paid employment openings, but if a member does accept ongoing staff employment, he or she would have to resign membership. The membership, however, could be resumed at the termination of employment.

Rabbi Kahn, in his report, brought us up to date on the search for a music consultant for the congregation, and also urged the entire congregation to support Kadimah in every way possible. In addition, the rabbi indicated that we should give some thought to which CSZ committee should be designated to work with Rabbi Nancy Flam on co-sponsoring a group to explore gay/Jewish identity issues.

The Americans with Disabilities Act has been called a "Bill of Rights" for disabled people. As a religious institution, CSZ is exempt from its provisions. However, President Allan Gold has established a task force to identify accessibility issues facing our members, and to make recommendations for policies or physical modifications to make CSZ more accessible. Merry Luskin was named to chair the task force on accessibility.

Three new members were presented and approved by the Va'ad.

In the past, the Va'ad has had to wrestle with the question of what is an appropriate use for the Social Action mailing list. Recently, Lisa Katz and Rabbi Kahn were asked to develop a clear policy recommendation for future use of the list. The Va'ad approved a policy that calls for the Va'ad, scrutinizing each request in order to determine if the proposed use of the list conforms to the congregation's mission statement and/or program objectives. In addition, particular attention will be paid to any

proposal which would use the list for fund-raising purposes. All users will be required to attest that the list would be used only once, and only for this specific purpose.

Ending the evening on an upbeat note, Daniel Chesir observed that this month is the 15th anniversary of the congregation. After an appropriate blessing, we went into a brief closed session. Finally, we concluded our evening with adjournment and a most-welcome Oseh Shalom.

—Mark Mackler, Recorder

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can help build and decorate the sukkah that day at 11 am. Wait until that weekend to prune your garden, and bring your trimmings to decorate the sukkah.

We will also have a Sukkot service in the sukkah of Rabbi Yoel Kahn and Dan Bellm (61 Ford St., San Francisco) on Saturday, October 17 at 10:30 am.

Simchat Torah

On Simchat Torah we celebrate the completion of the yearly cycle of reading the Torah and then immediately begin the new cycle for the new year. Join us for evening services at CSZ at 7:30 pm on Sunday, October 18.

Child Care

Child care will be available for all evening and daytime High Holiday services at the Unitarian Center. This year, once again, *advance reservations will be required* to guarantee a space, avoid overcrowding and enable us to have separate child care rooms according to age. Please call child care coordinator Emily Tincer (510/843-1405) to make your reservations. Donations to help defray the cost of child care are requested—\$10 per child per service or \$30 per child for unlimited child care throughout the High Holidays. Payment can be made in advance through the synagogue office or in person when you drop off your child before services. No one will be turned away for inability to contribute. Deadline for child care reservations will be Friday, September 18.

Begin your year with a mitzvah!

There are many ways that you can help with our High Holidays. Call our coordinators: Carolyn Pines (510/532-9661) or Larry Wexler (510/523-6775).

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August Va'ad Report

Instead of opening the August Va'ad meeting with a customary *D'var Torah*, Rabbi Kahn asked us to begin to review a document entitled *Reform Judaism: A Centenary Perspective*. Various sections will be examined at subsequent Va'ad meetings. This particular section dealt with the status of women, our commitment of continual change and the ethics of universalism, implicitly in traditional Judaism, which must be an explicit part of our Jewish duty. Rabbi Kahn pointed out that not everyone in the Jewish world would agree with the last part of this statement.

Gary Sokol, treasurer, discussed the finances. We touched upon the final Kadimah revenue shortfall, and the dues pledged and received to date. The revenue situation is fluid because new dues' receipts and pledges are arriving constantly. There has been some loss of rental income at this time due to no longer renting to profit-making groups. This topic will have to be reviewed in the future with some sort of cost-benefit analysis.

The Va'ad then discussed this year's Chanukah party. Is it seen as a fund-

raiser, or simply an event where people can come together to have a good time and to enjoy each other's company? After a discussion concerning the party, we voted to plan for the event to be revenue-neutral, but that there should be a component within it which would have revenue-raising as its objective. As a long-range policy, the Fundraising Committee will have the responsibility of working within events such as future Chanukah parties in order to raise money for CSZ.

Tiela Chalmers requested Va'ad approval for funding to pay a principal for Kadimah. The Va'ad granted her request, and the treasurer will allocate funds for this purpose in whatever manner is most beneficial to the congregation's finances. A subsequent discussion ensued on the topic of projected Kadimah enrollment. It was understood that we will fund the position of a principal and three teachers for Kadimah. If enrollment doesn't merit this level of staffing however, we will drop one teacher's position.

Gary Sokol then reviewed his proposal for year-round budget planning, as discussed last month. The proposal

was adopted unanimously.

Judy Schwartz proposed five new members, who were approved by the Va'ad. We expect there to be an influx of new members prior to the start of the High Holidays.

Don Albert, acting chair of the Education Committee, was given authority, and appropriate funding, in order to conduct a membership survey on issues relating to adult education. The Education Committee will have the necessary leeway to determine the timing, format and means by which the survey will be produced.

During the Advance, some concerns were expressed regarding the role of children in the life of the congregation. At the meeting, Ida Kuluk discussed the specific steps and goals of the long range plan for meeting the needs of CSZ's children. Also, she discussed her subsequent efforts on the Children's Programming Task Force which prepared a survey. The Va'ad voiced its support for the points and suggestions made as a result of the survey, and Ida will provide these results to the appropriate committee chairs. The Va'ad must take responsibility for the implementation of child-positive activities.

Nathan Robinson delivered a report on his investigation of potential alternative sites for the 1993 Advance. Various locations in Marin, Sonoma and Contra Costa were explored. Not surprisingly, each site had various advantages and disadvantages in terms of physical facilities, cost and location. After a thorough discussion of the matter, the Va'ad voted to remain in Wildwood for 1993.

To begin his report, Rabbi Kahn spoke about his wish to lead an occasional Sabbath service in the East Bay. In practical terms, this will probably not take place until after his sabbatical and will require Ritual Committee coordination. The rabbi discussed various changes he will be making in the upcoming High Holiday services. Because the 1992 National AIDS Update Conference here in San Francisco will begin on Kol Nidre and run into Yom Kippur day, the rabbi will invite Jewish attendees to join us for Yom Kippur day services.

We concluded the regular meeting with Oseh Shalom, followed by a closed session.

—Mark Mackler, Recorder

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Neo-Nazis Threaten Lesbians in Oregon

Five lesbians living communally and non-violently on rural land in Douglas County, Oregon were shot at by neo-Nazis in the middle of the night of August 3. This assault followed a two-week barrage of harassing notes, tampering of property, death threat notices ("Lezzie Jew Bitch Nigger, you are dead—We are Nazi power"), and a swastika painted ominously across their front door.

The women managed to protect themselves from injury, and, though a report was filed, local police did not appear to regard this report as a serious concern. In order to protect themselves from further assaults, the women evacuated the land, and took refuge in a safe house in Eugene—four hours away. Two days later, on the morning of August 6, another death threat was received—taped to the door of the safe house.

Apparently these women are being watched and followed. The death threats are mainly targeted towards a disabled Jewish woman of color who is also one

of the two Jewish women who owns the land.

As with any refugees seeking to begin again, these women are in immediate need of financial support for food, housing, living expenses and outreach costs. They intend to fight to keep their land.

Further actions are being considered and organized in order to expose these hate crimes, and to defend these women, as well as other possible targets of such violence. A legal fund will be set up in the near future. They need our help now.

Please send emergency donations to: Oregon Women's Support Network, 5337 College Avenue, Suite 122, Oakland, CA 94618. For more information, call 510/486-8979.

Condolences

To **Daphne Stuart**, on the death of her friend Ann DiFabio.

To **Richard Sinkoff**, on the death of his great uncle Harry Goodman.

Launching Adult Education

By mid September, all members of CSZ will receive a mailing from the Adult Education Committee. The CSZ Long Range Plan called for an assessment of members' needs in adult Jewish education. It is very important for you to express your opinions and let us know your needs. The committee will use this information to develop an ongoing mission, establish goals and create an appropriate program.

Included with the questionnaire is a brief "quiz of Jewish knowledge" prepared by Rabbi Kahn and the committee. This is for you to keep. It's our way of helping you assess in which areas you might want to expand your own education. If you complete the quiz before the questionnaire, it may focus your thoughts on the types of programs you may want to attend in the future.

Please return the questionnaire by October 11 or drop it off at the reception tables during High Holidays.

Helbraun Exhibit

"A Jewish Book of Months," a 12-part mixed media/collage series on the Jewish calendar by San Francisco artist and former CSZ office manager Jenny Helbraun, will be on exhibit at the Unitarian Center from August 31 through the High Holidays.

Jenny completed a master's degree in Jewish Studies at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley this past May. The art work was done as part of her degree, in response to the "visual midrash" work of Professor Jo Milgrom, who encouraged Jenny to translate her personal Jewish experience into visual form by creating illustrated liturgy. "A Jewish Book of Months" draws on knowledge and emotions concerning the moon, the lunar calendar, and female experience, and also uses resources such as Michael Strassfeld's *The Jewish Holidays*, Penina Adelman's *Miriam's Well*, the weekly Torah portion, and non-Judaic "midrashim" from the pens of Italian writer Italo Calvino and American folksinger Pete Seeger.

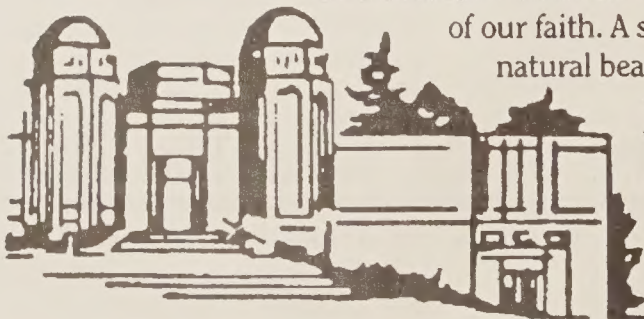
Jenny will give a short talk on her work at a reception sponsored by the Unitarian Center on Sunday, October 4 from noon to 1 pm.

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Fall Adult Education Program

CSZ's Adult Education Committee has arranged a very comprehensive selection of courses for this fall. Most classes are being co-sponsored by the Lehrhaus Judaica and the San Francisco Jewish Community Center. All classes will be at CSZ unless otherwise noted. Costs are listed with each course description.

Please register by calling the synagogue office as soon as possible, as some classes have enrollment limits. Payment must be made no later than the beginning of the second class session.

Introduction to Judaism

Phyllis Mintzer, Jewish Educator
Eight weeks beginning October 13;
7-8:15 pm
CSZ or JCC members \$40, non-members \$60.

A survey of Jewish theology, sacred literature, prayer, holidays and life cycles. A course for both Jews and non-Jews who want to enrich their basic knowledge of Judaism, and for individuals considering conversion to Judaism.

Exploring the Sources: How To Read a Text

Rabbi Yoel Kahn, Congregation
Sha'ar Zahav
Eight weeks beginning October 13;
7-8:15 pm
CSZ members *free*, JCC members \$40, non-members \$60.

How do you find something in the Talmud? What is the Zohar? Who wrote the Midrash? Using Barry Holtz's text *Back to the Sources*, this class will learn how to use and how to appreciate a variety of classical Jewish texts. For each source, we will first learn how to access the book, how to identify key words, how the volume is organized and how to find a reference; the following session will explore a key passage in the text, and examine how to "read" the text for maximum insight and appreciation. This course will cover the Talmud, Midrash, Zohar, Siddur and Tanach. It is open to everyone and especially recommended for people new to Jewish study and bar/bat mitzvah students.

Kabbalah and Psychology

Yehuda Israely, M.A., Lecturer and
Therapist
Six weeks beginning October 13; 7-9
pm
CSZ or JCC members \$40, non-members \$60.

Kabbalah is the central body of knowledge of Jewish mysticism. For more than 2000 years, Kabbalists attempted to describe the depths of human experience and relations with the Divine through means that are beyond rational linear thought. Many components in psychology can be traced to mysticism in general and Kabbalah in particular. In this course we will explore the enormous impact of Jewish thought on modern psychology. We will use psychology to learn about Kabbalah, use Kabbalah to learn about psychology, and learn from both about the depths of our minds.

The course will include psychological interpretations of Kabbalistic tales, dreams, scripture, metaphysical theories, symbols and cultural-historical developments, and comparisons of therapeutic methods in Kabbalah and psychology. No previous knowledge of Kabbalah or psychology is needed. The format of the class is lecture and discussion.

Introduction to Biblical and Prayerbook Hebrew

Phyllis Mintzer, Jewish Educator
Eight weeks beginning October 13;
8:30-9:45 pm
CSZ or JCC members \$40, non-members \$60.

Teaching the essentials of biblical and prayerbook Hebrew, this course has as its goal basic competency in reading as well as understanding the root meaning of words in Hebrew texts found in weekly religious services. Prerequisite: reading knowledge of aleph-bet and vowels.

Origins of Zionism: From the Bible to Herzl

Rabbi Yoel Kahn, Congregation
Sha'ar Zahav
Eight weeks beginning October 13;
8:30-9:45 pm
CSZ members *free*, JCC members \$40, non-members \$60.

The Jewish people have always been linked to the Land of Israel. From biblical psalms to Spanish poets to 19th century political thinkers, this class will explore the special place of the Land of Israel in the spirituality and politics of the Jewish people throughout the centuries. Beginning with the Bible, the class will examine rabbinic, medieval and enlightenment era texts and teachings

about Zion, all of which set the stage for the emergence of political Zionism. All class readings will be in English.

Torah Chanting Made Easy

Cantor Steven Puzarne
Eight weeks beginning October 14
(skipping erev Thanksgiving);
7:30-9 pm at the JCC
CSZ or JCC members \$50, non-members \$70.
Note: to register, call the JCC
(346-6040)

This is a beginners' workshop in chanting from the Torah according to the masoretic trope symbols. Come learn cantillation from an outstanding cantor and teacher.

Make Your Own Hanukkah Gifts—Yarmulke Crocheting

Gordon Osser, member of CSZ
Three weeks beginning November
24; 7-8:15 pm
For Sha'ar Zahav members only; limit
10 students; free, but sign up soon.

This course will cover the basics of the crochet stitch, how to construct a basic yarmulke and how to add decorative crochet trim. Students will be asked to bring their own No. 8 (or H) crochet hook and a 6 oz. bolt of four-ply yarn. This larger format hook will allow you to learn faster and see your stitchwork. After you have learned the basics you can progress to smaller size hooks. Each session will include instruction and supervised work. Students will return the following week with examples of what has been done between classes.

Any member who is interested in joining the Adult Education Committee can contact the synagogue office or Don Albert (641-5113).

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Stranger in a Strange Land

Recently, after a Friday night service, I was standing in the oneg room and noticed a man in the middle of the room looking quite lonely and forlorn. I went up and said hello, and he introduced himself as a visitor from Australia. He also let me know that he had been standing in the center of the room for 10 to 15 minutes and that I was the first person to say anything to him. He commented that he had similar experiences in many straight synagogues he had visited around the world but had hoped his experience at Sha'ar Zahav would be different. Alas, for him, it was more of the same.

His comments reminded me of my initial contact with CSZ many years ago. It was a difficult time in my life. One of my oldest and closest friends had been recently diagnosed with AIDS. Much less was known about the disease in those days, and I was confused, disheartened and in need of a place where I could go to make sense of what was happening.

I came to CSZ one Friday night and was greeted at the door. I was asked if this was my first time, and I said it was. I felt especially good that I was noticed and welcomed. Mike Rankin was the service leader, and I felt moved by the service and his sermon. Despite many old reservations about synagogues, I was determined to come back.

I was quite surprised however at the oneg. My experience was similar to the visitor from Australia. I stood there for many minutes without anyone saying as much as one word to me. After a while, I introduced myself to several other people who were also standing alone, and found we had common experiences in not knowing anyone in the room and no one saying hello to us.

As I came back each week, I gradually got to know more people. Usually, though, the people I talked with were those to whom I had introduced myself to. As the years passed, I came to know more people in the congregation. Many people now approach me, say hello, and ask me about myself and what is happening. But I have never forgotten those early days when I felt so lonely in a crowded oneg room, filled with people who seemed friendly to each other but not to the stranger in their midst.

As a contrast, I remember an experi-

ence I had about 15 years ago. A friend was stationed at Fort Ord in Monterey. He invited me to come spend the weekend with him. On Sunday morning he volunteered to play the piano at a Christian church. Most of the congregation were African Americans. He invited me to come with him and I hesitated, saying I would feel out of place, especially since I was not a Christian and that he would not be sitting with me, because he would be playing the piano. He laughed and assured me that I would feel welcome.

From the moment I entered, I felt more warmth than I had ever felt from any synagogue I had attended to that point. Although there were perhaps 100 people in the room, and maybe two or three were Caucasian, I felt included. Person after person came up to me, both before and after the service to introduce themselves and welcome me to the congregation. When it came out in conversation that I was in fact Jewish, not Christian, the outpouring of warmth increased. They seemed to truly welcome me and invited me to return.

Several months later, I again visited my friend. And like the last time, he invited me to attend church while he played the piano. My second experience confirmed my first impressions. Most of the people welcomed me back, remembering me specifically and asking me how I had been.

I compare that with the experience of many people at CSZ and I must admit, we are lacking in that department. I am also reminded that Torah teaches us to welcome the stranger since we, too, were strangers in a stranger land.

Perhaps, on any Friday night, as you are talking with your friends, you will look around before and after services and see if there is someone you have not seen before and introduce yourself and make an attempt to include that person and introduce them to other members of the congregation. It will be wonderful if someday we can say that no one ever came to CSZ to worship with us without feeling welcomed.

—Michael Bettinger

New Faces of 5753

The Drama/Comedy Chavurah has accepted the challenge of presenting theatrical entertainment for Chanukah! People are needed for a talent show and Chanukah spiel. We need singers, non-singers, dancers, non-dancers, comedians, magicians, musicians, actresses, actors, children of all ages, and stagehands—even groupies. You, too, can be a star (six-pointed of course!). The show will be presented the weekend of December 19. *If we present it, they will come.* Call the office or Jonathan Goldman (641-4231).

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1	Tom Rothgiesser	14	Michael Lobel
1	Lizabeth Goodman	17	Rachel Mailman
2	Jeff Friedman	19	Neill Rosen
2	Donna Rabinowitz	19	Rob Tat
2	Bonnie Bishop	20	Elizabeth Katz
2	Simma Liberman	21	Steve C.
3	David Israels	21	Janine Baer
3	Sandra Morris	21	David Brickman
3	Craig Gotfried	22	Roslyn Fuerman
5	Karren Shorofsky	23	Marianne Ades
6	Lee Ryan	24	William Ambrunn
7	Al Baum	25	Jean-Charles Bellour
9	Mark Weisman	27	Ralph Vissell
9	Jeremy Hoffman	28	Catherine Wisniewski
12	Robin Leonard	28	Daphne Stuart
13	Susan Foster	30	Joan Gelfand



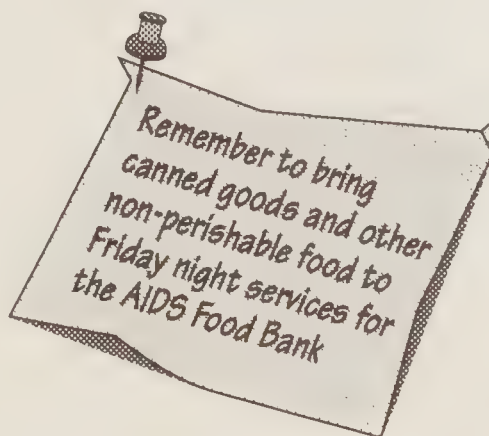
Oneg Sponsors

These generous people sponsored onegs in July and August:

- 7/3 Ivan Vincente, commemorating the yahrzeit of his mother, Elise Liebermann Vincente
- 7/10 Robin Leonard and Lee Ryan, in celebration of their 12th anniversary
- 7/17 Arnie Jackson, in honor of Dick Wright's birthday
- 7/24 Paul Cohen and Judy Schwartz, in honor of Caroline Pines' birthday
- 7/31 CSZ birthdays
- 8/14 Florence and Steve Nacamulli, saying goodbye to Lorraine and Bob Nacamulli
- 8/28 Jeff Forman and Paul Nemrow, in honor of their wedding

All you have to do to sponsor an oneg is to think of the occasion and contact the synagogue office (861-6932). The cost of sponsoring an oneg is \$50. For cosponsoring—in honor of a member's birthday or anniversary—the cost is only \$10.

You can also add a more personal touch by providing flowers (for the bima or oneg room) or special food to celebrate your occasion.



Anniversaries

1	Jeffrey Rubin & Frank Bush
13	Nancy Meyer & Marilyn O'Keefe
13	Sarah Felder & Devra Noily
15	Jerome Hipps & Sanford Friedman
19	Ben Schalit & Richard Inlander
23	Betty Kalis & Marion Trentman
26	Janet Seldon & Shari Cohen
29	Julie Moed & Shelley Eisenman
30	Adrienne Forshay & Blanche Blachman
30	Pam Erwin & Susan Unger



Belated Birthdays

Due to a computer glitch, the following birthdays were not listed on the flyer for the oneg birthday program. If you would like to co-sponsor the next birthday oneg in honor of any of these folks, please let the office know in writing prior to the end of September. We are sorry for this omission.

Eileen Levy
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Joshua Shuster-Lefkowitz
Stacy Shuster
Lynn Scarper
Carolyn Reiser
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Jaclyn Blachman-Forshay
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Amy Bat-Tzipora
Marilyn O'Keefe
Sanford Friedman
Cheryl Sena
Allan Gold
Claudia Galanes-Rosenbaum
Rueben Greenwald
Cheryl Bryan

Sale, Sale, Sale

Now that I have your attention ... the gift shop is offering 25% off on selected items now through the end of September. With the approach of the New Year, this is a great opportunity to purchase that special something that you have always wanted to enrich your traditions or create new ones. Or maybe you just wanted it.

The gift shop is open from 7:30 to 8:05 pm every Friday night. We are located in the CSZ library. If you are interested, we can always use volunteers to help us staff the shop during this time. It is fun and a great way to meet other members as well as visitors to our congregation.

Please call Jeff for information (647-9201).

Contributions

Sha'ar Zahav welcomes all contributions, of all sizes, to mark any event, and to any of our funds. Contributions will be acknowledged in the *Forward* unless requested otherwise.

Donations were made to Sha'ar Zahav's funds in the past months by the following contributors:

General Fund

We encourage donations to the General Fund in particular, because such donations can be used for any synagogue purpose.

John Arnold, in honor of Jon Funk's birthday

Misha Cohen, in memory of Jacqueline Cohen

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Scott Mezistrano, in honor of CSZ, for the wonderful oneg and heartfelt wishes extended to him

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Phyllis and George Mintzer, in honor

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All lesbian and gay alumni of the National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) active in the lesbian, gay, reproductive freedom, and AIDS activist movements are asked to submit letters, essays, anecdotes, stories, prose pieces, poetry, photos, images, etc. on the connections between their time in the Reform youth movement and their activism today.

Those interested should send their name, address, and the NFTY region that they were active in to Jon Nalley, 344 West 17th St., #5B, New York, NY 10011, or call him at 212/242-9367. The deadline is December 15. The submissions will be collected in a booklet that will be made ready for the national gay/lesbian Shabbat service before the April 25, 1993 March on Washington.

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Rebecca Gradolph and Deborah Godner

Howard Herman

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Members wishing to contact any Va'ad member or committee chair are invited to obtain his or her number from the synagogue office.

Office Hours: Monday–Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. Rabbi's office hours by appointment. Please call the synagogue office at 861-6932. Our fax number is 861-6081.

Emergency Number: In an emergency, the Congregation can be contacted outside of office hours by calling 861-6938.

Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the last Saturday of each month at 10:30 am—check calendar for each month.

Gift Shop Hours: Fridays, 7:30–8:05 pm

Library Hours: Open during office hours, and 30 minutes before and after Friday night services.

Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Mike Rankin, Allyce Kimerling, Liaisons) and of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations (Marc Mencher, Liaison).

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav (Congregation of the Golden Gate) is located in the Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Danvers at Caselli, which is one block south of the intersection of 18th and Market streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus 33 Stanyan to 18th and Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli.

Naches

To **Katie Lusson**, who was awarded a post-doctoral fellowship to pursue her studies in developmental disability at the Kennedy Institute of the Johns Hopkins University Medical Center in Baltimore.

To **Bonnie Bishop and Amy Weston**, on Amy's legal adoption of Benjamin Bishop-Weston.

To **Debbie Jacobs-Levine and Joel Levine**, on the birth of their daughter Nina Jacobs-Levine.

To **Shelley Adler and Susan Weinstein**, on the engagement of their daughter Shira Tamar Adler to Eran Hadari.

To **Ellen Lewin and Lizabeth Goodman**, on their kiddushin.

Office Notes

As the High Holidays approach, the office gets very busy. I would like to remind you of a few things which would make the office run smoother and prevent errors before they occur. When sending information to the office, it would be appreciated if it was written on 8½ by 11 paper, not on Post-Its or scraps, including donations and database information. When your address changes, we usually hear about it by returned mail or post office cards you send us. It would help us out if you *also* could call in your phone number changes.

Our office hours are 9 am–3 pm. If you leave a message on the tape outside of those hours, please allow at least 24 hours for an answer before you call us again with the same question.

As always, we are here to help you. If you have a problem, please don't hesitate to call us directly. That will ensure a quick resolution.

—Mark Pressler, Office Manager

Facts, Food, Fun Are Focus of Not Just for Newcomers Fairs

The second Bay Area-wide Not Just for Newcomers Jewish Fairs will be held just before the High Holidays in eight locations.

Besides entertainment, activities for kids and adults, Jewish arts and crafts, and food (of course), each fair will feature information about the vast variety of Jewish services and activities available. Sports, synagogues, genealogy, interfaith activities, child care, seniors, education, singles ... you name it, and it's probably available in the Jewish community.

The fairs will be held from noon to 4 pm, Sunday, September 13 at Contra Costa JCC and Oakland Piedmont JCC; and on Sunday, September 20 at Osher Marin JCC, Berkeley Richmond JCC, San Francisco's Brotherhood Way JCC (CSZ will have a booth there), Albert L. Schultz JCC, Sacramento JCC and Sonoma State University.

Sponsors are the East and West Bay Jewish Federations, Jewish Community Centers and the Jewish Bulletin. For information, call your local JCC or the Fairline (512-6278).

SEPTEMBER

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1 Tuesday 3 Elul	10 Thursday 12 Elul • 6:30pm, Ritual Committee/ High Holidays meeting • 6:30pm, Dues Committee meeting	17 Thursday 19 Elul • 6:30pm, Ritual Committee meeting • 7:30pm, Bikkur Cholim Committee meeting	23 Wednesday 25 Elul
2 Wednesday 4 Elul			24 Thursday 26 Elul
3 Thursday 5 Elul • 7pm, Children's Education meeting	11 Friday 13 Elul • 8:15pm, Shabbat service, Rabbi Kahn and Jonathan Comisar	18 Friday 20 Elul • 8:15pm, Shabbat service, Tiela Chalmers and Henry Mach • 8:15pm, East Bay service	25 Friday 27 Elul • 8:15pm, Shabbat service, Rabbi Kahn and Jody Reiss
4 Friday 6 Elul • 8:15pm, Shabbat service, Daniel Chesir and Dana Vincoff	12 Saturday 14 Elul	19 Saturday 21 Elul Selichot • 10:30am, Kadimah opening day family service, Josh Lee and Rabbi Kahn	26 Saturday 28 Elul • 9:30am, Kadimah • 10:30am, Shabbat service
5 Saturday 7 Elul	13 Sunday 15 Elul		27 Sunday 29 Elul Rosh Hashanah • 10:30am, Kaiser Brunch
6 Sunday 8 Elul	14 Monday 16 Elul • 6pm, Healing service • 6:30pm, Va'ad meeting	20 Sunday 22 Elul	28 Monday 1 Tishri Rosh Hashanah
7 Monday 9 Elul • 6pm, Healing service • Va'ad reports due in office	15 Tuesday 17 Elul	21 Monday 23 Elul • 6pm, Healing service	29 Tuesday 2 Tishri
8 Tuesday 10 Elul	16 Wednesday 18 Elul • 7pm, Newsletter editing	22 Tuesday 24 Elul • 7pm, Newsletter proofreading/layout	30 Wednesday 3 Tishri
9 Wednesday 11 Elul		Note: Gray areas indicate religious services.	1 Thursday, October 1 4 Tishri • 7:30pm, Newsletter distribution

Note: For High Holidays service schedule, see box on page 2.

D E A D L I N E

The deadline for all submissions to the October *Gaily Forward* is

Monday, September 14.

*No late submissions will be published without a deadline extension
arranged in advance with the newsletter chair.*

Please type and double-space your articles.

You may fax your material to CSZ, Attn: *Gaily Forward* (861-6081).

East Bay Services at 8:15 pm

- 9/18 at Shelley Spiro and
Gabriela Kasner's
(510/482-5967)
- 10/16 at Simma Lieberman's
(510/482-0509)
- 11/20 Location to be announced

Share Rosh Hashanah Greetings While Supporting the Human Rights and Welfare of Guatemalan and Salvadoran Refugees

The production and sale of Sanctuary theme Rosh Hashanah cards is the annual fundraising and outreach project of the San Francisco Jewish Sanctuary Coalition, an all-volunteer organization based in the San Francisco Bay Area. Begun in 1986, the card project has helped the Coalition reach Jews throughout the United States and has provided increased funding each year for its human rights and refugee support work.

While the Sanctuary movement has achieved many of its goals, the continued repression in Guatemala and the tenuous peace process in El Salvador call for a continuation of our support for the Guatemalan and Salvadoran refugees. In particular, we anticipate a major effort this year in support of the collective and organized return of the Guatemalan refugees, now living in camps in Mexico, back to their homes in Guatemala. Your purchase of cards and donations assures our ability to stand with the Guatemalan refugees during their return.

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